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Interviews: 503 adults
Dates: November 14, 2000

48	Male
52	Female
[109]	

FINAL

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 503 interviews is $\pm 4.5\%$

1a. Are you registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	85	CONTINUE	[137]
Not registered.....	15	Skip to Q.1c	
Not sure.....	-		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED IN Q.1a.)

1b. Did you happen to vote in last Tuesday's election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote--Al Gore, the Democrat, George W. Bush, the Republican, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

Voted--Al Gore.....	47	[138]
Voted--George W. Bush.....	47	
Voted--Ralph Nader.....	3	Skip to Q.2
Voted--Pat Buchanan.....	1	
Voted--other (VOL).....	1	
Did NOT vote ¹	NA	CONTINUE
Not sure.....	1	Skip to Q.2

¹ Results shown reflect responses among those who do NOT say they did not vote.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE NOT REGISTERED IN Q1a OR SAY THEY DID NOT VOTE IN Q.1b.)

1c. If you had voted, who would you have voted for--Al Gore, the Democrat, George W. Bush, the Republican, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

Al Gore.....	52	[139]
George W. Bush.....	36	
Ralph Nader.....	4	
Pat Buchanan.....	-	
Other (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	2	

2. How closely have you been following the situation in Florida involving the vote count in the presidential election--very closely, fairly closely, just somewhat closely, or not closely at all?

Very closely.....	64	[140]
Fairly closely.....	23	
Just somewhat closely.....	9	
Not closely at all.....	4	
Not sure.....	-	

- 3a. Who do you think should be declared the winner of the presidential election in Florida--do you think that George W. Bush should be declared the winner, do you think that Al Gore should be declared the winner, or do you think it is too soon to say?

George W. Bush.....	41	[141]
Al Gore.....	23	
It is too soon to say.....	31	
Not sure.....	5	

- 3b. Who do you think will win the Florida electoral votes--George W. Bush or Al Gore?

George W. Bush.....	55	[142]
Al Gore.....	22	
Depends (VOL).....	9	
Not sure.....	14	

- 3c. When do you think a winner will be declared in the Florida presidential election--do you think that a winner will be declared by the end of the weekend, in the next several weeks, or do you think it will take longer than several weeks?

By the end of the weekend.....	43	[143]
In the next several weeks.....	30	
Longer than several weeks.....	17	
Not sure.....	10	

- 3d. If it takes Florida **(READ ITEM)** to declare a winner, do you think that is too long to wait, or do you think that is an acceptable time period?

	Too Long To Wait	Acceptable Time Period	Not Sure	
Until the end of the weekend.....	26	71	3	[144]
Several weeks.....	60	36	4	[145]
Longer than several weeks.....	75	22	3	[146]

4. In Florida, do you feel that there has been a fair and honest vote count in the presidential election, or do you worry that the vote count has been unfair?

Fair and honest vote count.....	41	[147]
Worry the count has been unfair.....	52	
Not sure.....	7	

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way **(READ ITEM)** (has/have) been handling the situation with the vote count in the presidential election?

Approve	Disapprove	Mixed Feelings (VOL)	Not Sure
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Al Gore and his campaign.....	45	41	8	6	[148]
George W. Bush and his campaign.....	52	36	8	4	[149]
The media.....	39	47	10	4	[150]

6. I'm going to read you a number of things that the Gore and Bush campaigns talked about as part of the vote-counting process. For each one, please tell me whether you think that it is an acceptable action to take or whether you think that the action is unacceptable.

	Action Is Acceptable	Action Is Unacceptable	Not Sure	
The Bush campaign indicated that it may seek a recount of the presidential votes in states where Al Gore won narrowly, such as in Iowa and Wisconsin.....	60	35	5	[274]
The Bush campaign asked for a court ruling to prevent the use of a hand count in four Florida counties.....	40	57	3	[275]
The Gore campaign supported groups desiring a total revote in Palm Beach County, Florida.....	46	51	3	[276]
The Gore campaign asked for a hand recount in four Florida counties.....	59	40	1	[277]

7. Here are several options that might happen to determine which candidate would win the Florida electoral votes. As I read each item, please tell me whether it would or would not be an acceptable option to you.

	Acceptable Option	Not An Acceptable Option	Not Sure	
Accept the results from the machine recount and the overseas absentee ballots.....	68	30	2	[154]
Do a hand recount in each of the four counties now disputed by the Democrats.....	48	48	4	[155]
Do a hand recount in all Florida counties.....	42	57	1	[156]
Have a new election, and revote only in Palm Beach County.....	28	70	2	[157]
Have a new election, and revote in the entire State of Florida.....	35	65	-	[158]

- 8a. Which of the following options do you think would be a better approach to take in Florida: **(A)** It would be better to stop the recount and court cases, and declare a winner now, OR **(B)** It would be better to recount the ballots even if it will take several weeks to declare a winner?

(A) Stop the recount and court cases/declare winner now....	45	[159]
(B) Recount the ballots.....	51	
Not sure.....	4	

- 8b. As you may know, according to Florida state law, counties' election results must have been submitted to the Secretary of State by five p.m. today. A state judge has ruled that it would be acceptable for the Secretary of State to receive election results past the five p.m. deadline. Do you think that the Secretary of State should or should not accept election results past the five p.m. deadline?

Should accept election results.....	54	[160]
Should not accept election results.....	41	
Not sure.....	5	

- 8c. If the Secretary of State refuses to accept election results past the five o'clock p.m. deadline, do you think that she made this decision because she is upholding the law, or for political reasons?

Upholding the law.....	51	[161]
Political Reasons.....	37	
Not sure.....	12	

9. How would you feel if **(READ ITEM)** were declared the winner of the presidential election--would you say that you feel comfortable with him and prepared to support him as our new president, or not?

	Comfortable And Prepared To Support	Not Comfortable And Prepared To Support	Not Sure	
Al Gore.....	66	32	2	[162]
George W. Bush.....	71	27	2	[163]

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	11	[164-165]
25-29.....	7	
30-34.....	7	
35-39.....	10	
40-44.....	12	
45-49.....	9	
50-54.....	10	
55-59.....	8	
60-64.....	6	
65-69.....	5	
70-74.....	5	
75 and over.....	9	
Refused.....	1	

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[166-167]
Some high school.....	5	
High school graduate.....	24	
Some college, no degree.....	19	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	14	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	23	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	6	
Doctoral/law degree.....	4	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F3. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE", CODE AS STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.)

Strong Democrat.....	25	[168]
Not very strong Democrat.....	11	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	7	
Strictly independent.....	17	
Independent/lean Republican.....	8	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	19	
Other.....	3	
Not sure/nothing.....	1	

F4. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? (IF "NO," ASK:) What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	10	[169]
White.....	74	
Black.....	12	
Asian.....	2	
Other.....	1	
Not sure/refused.....	1	